

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A system for managing photo releases, comprising:
 - a digital capture device for capturing an original image having at least one individual;
 - a device for producing a representative image of said captured original image;
 - a display device for displaying said representative image and for displaying a release associated with said at least one individual and said representative image; and
 - an input device associated with said display device for receiving an authorization signature by said at least one individual with respect to said photo release, said at least one individual image in said representative image displayed on said display device can be highlighted so as to indicate that an authorization signature on said photo release has been obtained.
2. (cancel)
3. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein information is associated with said original image when said authorization signature is obtained with respect to said at least one individual.
4. (original) A system according to claim 3 wherein said information and said original image is stored on a database.
5. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said digital capture device, said device producing a representative image for displaying and said display device are provided in a single device.

6. (original) A system according to claim 1 wherein a plurality of original images are obtained containing the same at least one individual and a single photo release is associated with each of said original images.

7. (currently amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein ~~one~~ once said authorization signature is obtained, said photo release is no longer capable of being modified.

8. (original) A system according to claim 7 wherein digital watermarking is used to prevent unnoticed modifications.

9. (currently amended) A method for managing photo releases, comprising:

- capturing a digital image, an original image of at least one individual;
- producing a representative image of said captured original image;
- displaying said representative image and a photo release associated with said at least one individual with respect to said original image;
- obtaining an authorization signature by said at least one individual with respect to said original image; ~~and~~
- associating said authorization signature as metadata with respect to said original image; and
- highlighting said individual and said representative image when an authorization signature by said at least one individual has been obtained with respect to said original image.

10. (canceled)

11. (original) A method according to claim 9 further comprising the step of:

- associating said photo release with respect to said captured original image as metadata.

12. (currently amended) A method according to claim 9 wherein upon obtaining an authorization signature by said at least one individual, ~~and~~ said original image can no longer be modified.

13. (new) A system for managing photo releases, comprising:
a digital capture device for capturing an original image having at least one individual;
a device for producing a representative image of said captured original image;
a display device for displaying said representative image and for displaying a release associated with said at least one individual and said representative image; and
an input device associated with said display device for receiving an authorization signature by said at least one individual with respect to said photo release, once said authorization signature is obtained, said photo is no longer capable of being modified.